Small Saving Collections

2172. SHRI NARENDRA SINGH;
SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN;

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that small savings collections have exceeded the Sixth Plan target of rupees 6643 crores during the first four years of the Plan itself;

(b) if so, whether the Plan target for small savings has been accordingly revised; if so, at what level it has now been fixed; and

(c) whether the performance in respect of small savings collections is likely to be reflected by way of reduction in deposit financing in the Budget provisions for the current year and the next year; if so, to what extent?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY); (a) and (b) The Sixth Plan target of net small savings collections is Rs. 6463 crores. The net small savings collections during ths first four years of the Plan amounted to about Rs. 6556 crores. The target for net small savings collections in Budget Estimates 1984-85 is Rs. 2400 crores.

(c) No, Sir.

Meeting of the working group of the Indo-Soviet Joint Commission on Trade

2173. SHRI NARENDRA SINGH;
SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN;

WiH the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the working group of the Indo-Soviet Joint Commission on trade set-up met in Moscow [a June, 1984 for further development of bilateral trade during 1986—91;

(b) what is the outcome of the discussions-, and

(c) what is ihe large* of trade to be achieved under tbe current trade agreement for 1981—85, both in terms of exports and imports, item-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) to (c) The Working Group on Trade set up within the framework of the Indo-Soviet Joint Commission met in Moscow from July 4—10, 1984. It reviewed the implementation of the trade plan for 1984 and had preliminary discussions on the trade protocol for 1985. Discussions **on** the appraisal of implementation of the Long-term Trade Plan for 1981—85 and the formulation of the long-term Trade Plan for 1986—91, also took place. The discussions revealed that the target of the growth of bilateral trade in 1981—85 by 1.5 to 2 times as envisaged in the Long-term Programme of Economic, Trade, Scientific and Technical Cooperation of March 14, 1979 would be achieved.

Effect of communal riots on textile industry tn Maharashtra

2174. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state;

(a) how far the recent communal riots in Bhiwandi, Bombay and other areas in Maharashtra have adversely affected the textile industry; and

(b) what steps have been taken to restore normal production in the affected textile mills?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) and (b) The production of the textile mills in the areas is reported to be normal.

Import of tobacco by I\ S. S. It,

2175. SHRI G. SWAMY NAIK;
PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO;

Will the Minister of (OMMFkfL he P'teased to state;

(a) whether U.S.9.R, has placed any order for the supply of tobacco during